

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 1999

PRESENT

R Dale Roper
Wesley Bloomfield
Gayle Bunker
Bruce Curtis
Robert Dekker
Glen Swalberg

Mayor
Council Member
Council Member
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ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Gregory Jay Schafer
Richard Waddingham
Shannon Young
Jon Young
Eudon Bublitz
Dustin Bublitz
Cayson Staples
Ben Keel
Joey Alsop
Chase Knudsen

City Recorder
City Attorney
Boy Scout Parent
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Mayor Roper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He stated that notice of the meeting time, place, and agenda was posted at the principal office of the governing body, 76 North 200 West, and was provided to the Millard County Chronicle/Progress, KNAK Radio, and to each member of the City Council, by personal delivery, at least two days prior to the meeting. Gregory Jay Schafer, City Recorder, acted as secretary.

Council Member Bruce Curtis offered an invocation, after which Mayor Roper led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

There were no minutes presented for consideration and approval.

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council reviewed the accounts payable, a copy of which had been provided to them two days prior to the meeting. Following review, Council Member Wesley Bloomfield MOVED to approve the accounts payable, dated November 5, 1999, in the amount of \$78,218.05. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Robert Dekker. Mayor Roper asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of unfinished business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESSCITY RECORDER GREGORY JAY SCHAFER: CANVASS OF 1999 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

City Recorder Gregory Jay Schafer reported that the 1999 Municipal Election had a combined total of 1,040 votes cast for candidates in Delta's Precincts 17 and 18. The votes were as follows:

	<u>Precinct 17</u>	<u>Precinct 18</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gayle Bunker	121	109	230
Bruce Curtis	154	134	288
Brian Sidwell	41	57	98
Glen Swalberg	133	108	241
Rochelle Watts-Munster	87	96	183

Results of the election are that the incumbent Council Members, Gayle Bunker, Bruce Curtis and Glen Swalberg will retain their seats.

Council Member Robert Dekker MOVED to accept the results of the canvass of the 1999 Municipal Election, as presented by City Recorder Gregory Jay Schafer. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Wesley Bloomfield. Mayor Roper asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Roper addressed the Boy Scouts in attendance at the meeting. He stressed the importance of the election process and the sacrifices made by many in order to preserve the right of Americans to elect their leaders and have a government operated by the people. Mayor Roper stated that the elective process works because good people are willing to run for City Council, County Commissioners and State Legislators. It is the responsibility of individuals to become active in the community and become involved in the governing process. Mayor Roper issued a challenge to the Boy Scouts in attendance to run for political offices when they reach the proper age, or to select a good candidate and offer active support of their campaign.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WESLEY BLOOMFIELD: OUTDOOR LIGHTING FOR LIBRARY AND CITY BUILDING.

Council Member Wesley Bloomfield reported that a Library Board meeting had been held recently, at which he received several complaints from the library board regarding how dark the area around the City Building is. He reported that the front and north side of the City Building is completely dark and there is only one light working on the south side of the building. The Library has tentatively scheduled an open house in January and they feel strongly that lights around the building should be working at that time. Council Member Bloomfield feels that the City Building is the center of the community and it needs to be lighted at night on the north, west, and south sides in order to make it safe for individuals to attend meetings.

Mayor Roper requested approval of the Council to obtain bids for lighting fixtures which will retrofit with the existing light poles, as well as bids for adding at least two new poles and fixtures.

Council Member Gayle Bunker MOVED to appoint Council Member Wesley Bloomfield to meet with Public Works Director Neil Forster, City Librarian Deb Greathouse, and Mayor Roper to review proposals and obtain bids for lighting around the City Building and Library addition. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Glen Swalberg. Mayor Roper asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Roper reported that the Delta City Employee Christmas Party has been rescheduled to Saturday, December 4, 1999 at the Old Stone Chapel.

Mayor Roper advised the Council that he has received an invitation from Delta Egg Farm inviting all Delta City officials to an open house on November 17, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Main Building. Mayor Roper requested that Council Members attend the open house, if possible.

Council Member Robert Dekker suggested that signs be placed on Main Street directing visitors to the High School and Palladium, inasmuch as it is often difficult for event participants to find the buildings where their events are being held. Council Member Glen Swalberg noted that approval is required from Utah Department of Transportation before signs can be erected on state highways. Mayor Roper stated that he will obtain approval from UDOT for the signs. Council Member Glen Swalberg MOVED to approve placing of signs on Main Street directing traffic to Delta High School and the Palladium. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Wesley Bloomfield. Mayor Roper asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he

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called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Wesley Bloomfield reported on the Legislative Policy meeting held November 8, 1999. He advised the Council that the legislature is considering a tax on wireless telephone service. Municipalities have franchise tax agreements with the ground based telephone services, but wireless telephone services is not now required to enter into franchise agreements. Many communities are requesting that wireless telephone services be required to pay the same franchise rate as wired telephone services. At present, taxes for Cellular One service in Delta is paid to St. George City, where the parent company is located. The Utah League of Cities & Towns would like to make a change so that the tax will be paid to the municipality where the primary address of the wireless telephone user is located, rather than where the cellular site or the base company is located. A decision has not yet been made on whether the change will be made by ordinance or by legislation so it has been suggested that cities and towns hold off on adopting ordinances until the decision has been made and a suggested ordinance drafted for use by all cities and towns.

Council Member Bloomfield also reported that Representative Short and Senator Stephens are working together to abolish Redevelopment Agencies in the State. The Utah League of Cities & Towns is opposed to the move, but it appears that there will be discussion on the matter when the legislature convenes.

Council Member Bloomfield also noted that the State of Utah has been revamping the building code, clarifying some sections but, in the process, have put in a section requiring that all building inspectors be certified in four basic areas. This would require special schooling and rigorous testing on a regular basis. Apparently, this change would mean that one-third of the building inspectors in Utah would not be able to qualify for certification, ultimately putting a large burden on rural communities attempting to obtain building inspections. The Utah League of Cities and Towns have asked entities, such as the Six County Association of Governments, to write letters explaining the negative impact on the area.

In addition, Council Member Bloomfield reported that the President of the Utah League of Cities and Towns, Tom Dolan, is doing some preliminary work on a proposal for a 1/8 cent state wide tax for preservation of open space, such as beautification of parks, protection of water shed, etc.

Council Member Gayle Bunker reported that those attending the first race at the Bunker Hill Raceway had positive comments. The race did not get as much advertising as was hoped for, but Council Member Bunker felt there was good attendance and things went quite well.

Council Member Gayle Bunker reported that he had met with the Fine Arts Guild and they had

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requested that he discuss the long, slow moving lines of families waiting to see Santa Claus at the annual Christmas celebration held at the Fair Building. Several suggestions were discussed.

Council Member Gayle Bunker advised the Council that the Fine Arts Guild had asked if they could plant spring bulbs in the planters along Main Street. The Fine Arts Guild members agreed to plant the bulbs if the City would purchase them. The Council agreed to have the Fine Arts Guild members plant spring bulbs in some of the planters along Main Street to see how it works with the regular spring planting. Council Member Gayle Bunker was asked to relay the information to the Fine Arts Guild.

Council Member Glen Swalberg reported on his attendance of an American Heritage Area Board Meeting, held at Ely, Nevada on October 25, 1999. The local area encompasses the area surrounding U.S. Highway 6-50 from Delta to Eureka, Nevada. The Area Board has asked each city, Chamber of Commerce, businesses, etc. along that route to write a letter of support, to be sent to Congress, for the American Heritage funding. The funding would provide many grants for heritage areas to be developed in the area. Council Member Robert Dekker MOVED to write a letter of support for the American Heritage funding, as requested by the American Heritage Area Board. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Gayle Bunker. Mayor Roper asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Roper asked if there were any comments, questions, or other items to be discussed. There being none, Council Member Robert Dekker MOVED to adjourn the meeting. The motion was SECONDED Gayle Bunker. Mayor Roper asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Roper declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


R. DALE ROPER, Mayor


GREGORY JAY SCHAFFER, City Recorder

MINUTES APPROVED: RCCM 01-24-2000